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██████████ was also interviewed in the presence of ██████████ stated he presently resides at ██████████. He stated this is the apartment of his sister and brother-in-law ██████████ a practicing dentist in the District of Columbia. ██████████ further stated he spends most of his summers with his other sister, ██████████ at ██████████. He advised that there is no phone at this place, however, he may be reached through ██████████. He stated that his sister, ██████████ resides permanently at ██████████.

✓ Owen ██████████ was questioned relative to his connection and association with one, ██████████ known as ██████████. He was also questioned relative to any activities he might have had concerning Senator BREWSTER or HOWARD HUGHES. ██████████ was also questioned particularly in regard to his activities during July and August, 1947 and more particularly relative to his being around the Mayflower Hotel during the above-mentioned months. He was interrogated also as to any associations he might have had with a ██████████ or ██████████. He categorically denied knowing ██████████ or ██████████. He also denied knowing HOWARD HUGHES or having had any contacts with any of the above-mentioned people.

✓ ██████████ stated that the name ██████████ was familiar to him, however, he was sure he did not know him and he was very specific in his denial that he had ever had any associations with him. He was emphatic in his denial of having any interest in the activities of Senator BREWSTER and specifically denied ever having followed BREWSTER on any occasion. ██████████ stated that to the best of his recollection, during July and August, 1947, he had spent most of his time at his sister's place in ██████████. However, he recalled that he had traveled to Corpus Christi, Texas in August, 1947. ██████████ also vaguely recalled that in early July, 1947, he was in Atlantic City, New Jersey ██████████.

██████████ stated that it is quite possible that he might have been in Washington for a day or two during July or August, 1947 but most certainly, he participated in no activities relative to HUGHES and BREWSTER and in fact, was not in the Mayflower Hotel at any time during the summer of 1947.

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[redacted] stated he presently owns a [redacted] with [redacted] tags and in 1947 owned a [redacted] with B.C. tags. [redacted] was particularly anxious relative to payment due him for appearance at the Grand Jury and stated he needed the money to return to [redacted] where he is presently spending the summer. He also stated that he is [redacted] and is [redacted]

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During the questioning of [REDACTED] he stated that he would gladly testify as to his ignorance regarding instant investigation in front of the Grand Jury and he added that if he were guilty of such activities, which he was not, he would certainly deny it, however, would be in a position to equivocate rather than make a full confession.

[REDACTED] stated that he knew Lt. SHIMON only by reputation and to the best of his recollection, he never had any contacts with him.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated August 11, 1950.

AC, Washington Field

August 17, 1950

Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

LIEUTENANT JOSEPH W. SHIMON, wa.

WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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There is attached hereto a copy of a memorandum dated August 14, 1950, from AAG James M. McInerney in which a request is made for additional investigation of the captioned matter.

You are requested to immediately institute the investigation indicated in this memorandum. It should be afforded thorough and expeditious attention and you are again reminded that the utmost care and discretion must be exercised.

You should determine at the earliest possible moment whether the persons mentioned in the Department memorandum are within your territory. As soon as it has been determined that any of these individuals is in the territory covered by another office, an appropriate lead should be immediately set forth by teletype. The auxiliary offices should be furnished with sufficient background information to conduct the desired investigation and should be instructed to submit an investigative report within five days. You should also advise these offices of the discreet nature of this investigation and that the persons interviewed should be informed that this inquiry is being made at the specific request of the Attorney General.

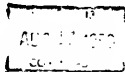
In addition to the investigation requested in the instant memorandum, vigorous and continuous efforts must be exerted to locate [REDACTED] at the earliest possible time. b7c

An investigative report must be submitted to the Bureau by August 23, 1950.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: August 1950
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FROM : James M. McInerney, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Lieutenant Joseph V. Shimon, et al;
Wire tap investigation

During the course of the grand jury investigation evidence was procured indicating that in July and August, 1947, Senator Brewster of Maine was being shadowed by a man named [redacted] and that Lieutenant Shimon undertook for Senator Brewster, and as one of his official duties, to ascertain the identity of the persons shadowing Brewster.

[redacted] claimed that [redacted] was associated with a "little old man" whom [redacted] has identified as [redacted] who has also stated there was a man named [redacted] who seemed to be involved with the Howard Hughes' group, but that he never ascertained exactly what [redacted] was doing. [redacted] has indicated that he received information from a party other than [redacted] to the effect that a man by the name of [redacted] was somehow involved in the shadowing. It is suggested that [redacted] is [redacted] who was [redacted] and later associated with [redacted]

[redacted] has also stated that [redacted] and Howard Hughes could furnish information relative to the shadowing of the Senator.

It is requested that Special Agents of the FBI contact [redacted] and Hughes to ascertain their knowledge with respect to the shadowing of Senator Brewster. The following information may be of assistance to you in connection with this investigation:

[redacted] has stated that [redacted] and [redacted] were in contact with the Howard Hughes' party of [redacted] and [redacted] in July and August of 1947. Both [redacted] and [redacted] state that [redacted] was the man who was following Brewster. [redacted] made contact with the Howard Hughes' group in both the Carlton and Mayflower hotels. Contact was made both telephonically and personally. [redacted] has stated that just previous to the Senate investigation he was introduced to Howard Hughes in California by [redacted]

[redacted] has stated that Hughes called him in Washington and asked him to drop by and see him. [redacted] was going to California on his own business. [redacted] has stated that he discussed with Hughes the forthcoming Senate investigation and Hughes wanted to know whether to retain a lawyer of the name of [redacted] [redacted] stated that when Hughes came to Washington in 1947 in connection with the Senate investigation he, Hughes, had called [redacted] He stated that Hughes was mad at [redacted] whom he had previously retained. The conversation with Hughes in Washington was during the Senate hearings. [redacted] also admitted attending two sessions of the Senate investigation and having spoken to [redacted] at one time about a record concerning whether Hughes' [redacted] could [redacted] [redacted] has stated that he never received any payment from Hughes, that [redacted]

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Hughes did not inquire of him, [redacted] as to the name of any person who would be qualified as an investigator. [redacted] has stated that he never recommended any person to Hughes as an investigator. [redacted] has stated that neither [redacted] nor anyone else connected with Hughes, ever asked him for the name of an investigator, and has stated that he, [redacted] has never suggested the name of any investigator to any person connected with Hughes. [redacted] stated that he did not discuss with Hughes the possibility of the surveillance of Senator Brewster or Senator Ferguson. [redacted] has stated that he does not know whether or not Hughes had Senator Brewster or Senator Ferguson under surveillance, and that he had no knowledge of any facts which would indicate the possibility that Hughes was having the Senators followed.

It is also requested that the investigation be continued with respect to the wire taps by Shimon in [REDACTED]

In view of the fact that the grand jury is still investigating this matter it will be appreciated if the above requested investigation be made promptly and vigorously.

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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 8/23/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/18-23/50	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] NTH
TITLE LIEUTENANT JOSEPH W. SHIMON, wa. WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] local attorney, worked for HOWARD HUGHES in April, 1947 investigating connection between Senator BREWSTER and Pan American Airways. In July, 1947 personally contacted [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on two occasions at Carlton Hotel and may have contacted them telephonically at Mayflower, not personally. Denies any activities regarding shadowing of BREWSTER or knowing of same.

[REDACTED]

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

This is joint investigation of the writer and Special Agent [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] with offices at [REDACTED] a local Attorney, was interviewed in his office on August 21, 1950. [REDACTED] was questioned relative to any connection he may have had with HOWARD HUGHES or HOWARD HUGHES' representatives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He was also questioned specifically as to whether or not he at any time participated in shadowing Senator BREWSTER. [REDACTED] advised that he had been contacted by an associate of his on the West Coast in April, 1947 relative to performing some investigative work for HOWARD HUGHES. [REDACTED]

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stated that he had been employed by HUGHES and in April, 1947 had conducted quite extensive investigation pursuant to instructions by either HUGHES or HUGHES' representatives into the background of Senator BREWSTER's activities or associations with the Pan American Airways. [redacted] further stated that he had made a trip to the state of Maine and interviewed numerous people in an effort to establish the fact that Senator BREWSTER in fact did have connections with the Pan American Airways. [redacted] also advised that he had contacted numerous airlines and airplane companies. However, the sole purpose of his investigation had been an attempt to establish the fact that Senator BREWSTER had interest in the Pan American Airways and in fact had used their facilities gratis on numerous occasions. [redacted] stated that he used as a cover for this investigation the fact that the "Chosen Instruments Bill" was then being considered in Congress and he never identified himself to the people he interviewed as being employed by the HUGHES Company. [redacted] stated that he merely advised that he was representing a West Coast airplane manufacturer. [redacted] further stated that during the HUGHES investigation in Washington, after he had completed his investigation, HOWARD HUGHES had run a full page statement in several local newspapers in which information he had developed regarding BREWSTER had been set out. [redacted] stated that in July, 1947 he had contacted [redacted] and [redacted] at the Carlton Hotel on two occasions and to the best of his recollection he may have telephonically contacted [redacted] and [redacted] while they were staying at the Mayflower Hotel. [redacted] stated definitely however that he at no time personally contacted these men at the Mayflower Hotel and the reasons for the contacts in Washington were relative to the investigative work he had done for them. [redacted] also advised that at no time had he participated in any way in any alleged shadowing of Senator BREWSTER nor did he know of such shadowing. [redacted] further advised that quite frankly he was attempting to influence [redacted] and [redacted] to have [redacted] appointed the HUGHES representative in Washington, however, he had been unsuccessful. [redacted] continued that he had no knowledge of any telephone taps and in fact did no work at all for HUGHES or his party other than that mentioned above.

[redacted] volunteered his opinion that he had great doubts that if Senator BREWSTER was shadowed that HUGHES, [redacted] or

[redacted] had anything to do with it and commented that both [redacted] and [redacted] were opposed to any vigorous action against BREWSTER as they had expressed the opinion that they could handle all the allegations made by BREWSTER without resorting to any investigation of BREWSTER. [redacted] continued that in fact [redacted] and [redacted] advised him that they had advised HUGHES not to even cause a check to be made of BREWSTER's activities with Pan American. However, HUGHES had overruled them and had hired [redacted] for the investigation as described above. [redacted] further stated that to the best of his knowledge he had never met Lieutenant SHIMON and although he would recognize him on sight, that at no time had ever had any personal contact even though he, [redacted] had been employed by the [redacted]

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[redacted] further volunteered information that on one occasion when he visited [redacted] and [redacted] at the Carlton Hotel he had been stopped by one [redacted] Lawyer and Lobbyist in the District of Columbia, with whom he was acquainted, and at this time [redacted] had questioned him as to his business at the Carlton. When [redacted] advised [redacted] that he was visiting [redacted] and [redacted] requested [redacted] to put a good word in for him as he was attempting to gain representation of HUGHES in the District of Columbia. [redacted] was unable to elaborate as to any other phase of the [redacted] matter other than as far as he knows [redacted] was never retained by HUGHES or his representatives.

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report, is a [redacted] local Attorney, set out in instant [redacted]
 [redacted] furnished information off the record during the interview. He stated that his original contact with HUGHES and his representatives had been established by an employee of HUGHES on the West Coast by the name of [redacted] is a [redacted] and is described by [redacted] as another "JOHNNY MEYERS" for HOWARD HUGHES. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] had asked [redacted] if he would tap telephones for HOWARD HUGHES in the District of Columbia and [redacted] claims that he advised [redacted] that he would not participate in this type of investigation. [redacted] further stated that apparently HUGHES had directed such a request be made. [redacted] further stated that to the best of his knowledge no telephone taps were installed by any of HUGHES representatives in the District of Columbia and [redacted] states definitely that he is sure that in fact Senator BREWSTER was not shadowed and is merely an excuse for SHIMON's activities. [redacted] could not elaborate on this however, stating that it is only his belief.

[redacted] also stated that [redacted] and at one time an employee of the BREWSTER Committee, had contacted him, [redacted] on one occasion and advised him that BREWSTER was asking questions as to his, [redacted] identity. This was about the time that [redacted] was conducting investigation of BREWSTER for HUGHES as set out in instant report.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated August 17, 1950.

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LT. JOSEPH W. SHIMON, WA. METROPOLITAN PD, MISCELLANEOUS. RETEL AUG.
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[REDACTED] AS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT WITH HUGHES, BUT DOES
NOT BELIEVE HE WAS HIRED. [REDACTED] DISCLAIMS KNOWLEDGE OF [REDACTED]
OR ONE [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] IN CONNECTION THIS MATTER. [REDACTED] STATES
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HUGHES [REDACTED] FEELS TWA IN UNFAVORABLE POSITION WITH PAN AM.
[REDACTED] HAS ADVISED HUGHES HE [REDACTED] SHOULD LET OLD WOUNDS HEAL RE THIS MATTER
[REDACTED] STATES HUGHES VERY RELUCTANT TO GRANT APPOINTMENTS TO ANYONE,
AND THAT HE IS VERY ECCENTRIC ABOUT SUCH MATTERS. [REDACTED] ATTEMPTING
TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT BUT CANNOT STATE WHEN THIS MAY BE ARRANGED.

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HUGHES WOULD MUCH PREFER TO HAVE [REDACTED] FURNISH SUCH INFO AS HUGHES HAS ABOUT THE MATTER. DEFINITE ARRANGEMENTS ABOUT HUGHES INTERVIEW WILL BE MADE WITH [REDACTED] ON AUG. TWENTYTHREE. RE WFO TEL AUG. TWENTYONE [REDACTED] SPENT ONE WEEK AT SENATOR HOTEL APR. LAST AND NOW RESIDES LA [REDACTED] EFFORTS TO CONTACT [REDACTED] UNAVAILING TO DATE. b7c
RE INVESTIGATION COMPLETED WILL BE PREPARED AND SUBMITTED AMSD IMMEDIATELY AFTER [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] INTERVIEW AUG. TWENTYTHREE.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

FROM : A. ROSEN *RAH*

SUBJECT: LIEUTENANT JOSEPH W. SHIMON, was.
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
MISCELLANEOUS

DATE: August 15, 1950

The Evening Star of today, August 15, 1950, has a news item about the Shimon case indicating that the Justice Department has testimony that wire tapping at the Graylyn Hotel was carried on in 1948 to get information for the House Committee headed by Representative Macy, Republican of New York. It stated that the FBI is investigating alleged wire tapping by Shimon for the House Committee which probed gray market deals and indicated that the Government plans to take that case before the Grand Jury. These statements were attributed to "informed sources".

We are not conducting an investigation of Shimon's supposed wire tapping activities for the Macy Committee. Our investigation has been confined to the matters requested by the Department and no request has been received from the Department for such investigation.

For your information in this regard the Police report of the Shimon matter contains statements by [redacted] and [redacted] two Metropolitan Police Officers who were assigned to assist Shimon, to the effect that they assisted in a tap being run by Shimon at the Graylyn Hotel in 1948. They understood this tap was in connection with an investigation for the Macy Committee and both indicated that a letter of commendation for their efforts was received from Representative Macy. *17C*

During our investigation of the Howard Hughes phase of Shimon's activities, [redacted] advised that Representative Macy had personally contacted him in 1948 and requested the services of Lieutenant Shimon and other Police officers. [redacted] said that he did not know the nature of the assignment but recalled that a letter of commendation had been sent to the officers by Representative Macy. *17C*

When Agents interviewed [redacted] and [redacted] concerning their knowledge of Shimon's wire tapping activities they mentioned the tap at the Graylyn Hotel and [redacted] specifically stated that it had nothing to do with the Howard Hughes investigation and [redacted] also said that he had not worked for Shimon during the alleged Howard Hughes tap. *17C*

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Agents obtained from Shimon's personnel file a photostatic copy of the Macy letter of commendation referred to which is dated May 13, 1948 and is addressed to Superintendent Barrett. Macy, as Chairman of the Committee to investigate questionable Trade Practices, expressed thanks to Superintendent Barrett for his cooperation and especially acknowledged the "confidential work that was done" successfully by Lt. Joseph W. Shimon, [redacted] and [redacted]. There was no mention in this letter of the nature of such work or of the AUG 24 1950. A copy of this letter was made available to Special Assistant James H. Knapp who conducted the Grand Jury hearings. *17C*

The only lead outstanding to complete the investigation requested by the

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Memo to Mr. Ladd

Department is to locate and serve a Grand Jury subpoena on Henry W. Gruenwald.

The Washington Field, New York, Newark and Miami Offices have been instructed to intensify their efforts to locate Gruenwald at the earliest possible moment.

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Wiretaps Not Illegal

No 'Wash' of Shimon

U. S. Atty. George Morris Fay, with whom Lieut. Joseph Shimon once worked, today has calmed, for the moment at least, the anger of the Senate District sub-committee investigating wiretapping.

But yesterday the senators, who questioned him behind closed doors, berated him for telling a News reporter last Friday that the Government never would have made a case against Lieut. Shimon even if the statute of limitations hadn't expired until "next January."

The senators wanted to know, it is understood, whether Mr. Fay was trying to throw cold water on their investigation.

NO HARM MEANT

Mr. Fay quickly said that no criticism of the Senate Committee was intended.

Mr. Fay, according to Sen. Claude Pepper (D., Fla.), sub-committee chairman, explained the Government had a purely circumstantial case against Lieut. Shimon.

The police officer admitted tapping phones in the Howard Hughes case in 1947 and several police aides testified they eavesdropped under his direction and then turned their notes over to him, Sen. Pepper said Mr. Fay reported. But to violate the wiretapping law, the information received in a wiretap must be divulged, Mr. Fay said.

"The facts of the wire-tapping are there," Sen. Pepper quoted Mr. Fay as saying, "but the technical offense of divulgence in Hughes' case could not be proved."

As for himself, Mr. Fay added, according to Sen. Pepper, he disapproved violently of wire-tapping and it is never used by the U. S. Attorney's office. It wasn't even used in the gambling cases, he said.

Then the senators wanted to know why Mr. Fay gave back to Police Chief Robert J. Barrett the copy of the police wire-tapping investigation and why it was a year after the police investigation before the matter was taken to a grand jury.

Mr. Fay said, according to Sen. Pepper, that he returned the report on wire-tapping because Maj. Barrett already had discussed it with the Justice Department.

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The delay in giving the case to the grand jury, he explained, was because the Justice Department did not want to prejudice the Judith Coplon espionage case. Miss Coplon charged the Government tried to conceal wiretapping activities in her case and the Government has denied its case was based on wire-tapping.

Mr. Fay also told the sub-committee, Sen. Pepper said, that he never assigned Lieut. Shimon to do any investigative work for any Congressional committee. He said Lieut. Shimon told him in 1947 he was doing some "confidential work" for a Congressional committee but gave no details. Mr. Fay said he assured Maj. Barrett had assigned Lieut. Shimon to the job.

Sen. Pepper said Maj. Barrett testified last week he never assigned Lieut. Shimon to work for any Senate committee.

Police Precinct Detective James G. Bryant, one-time aide of Lieut. Shimon in the U. S. Attorney's office, earlier yesterday told the committee that he helped Lieut. Shimon tap phones in the Hughes suites at the Carlton and Mayflower in 1947 and that Lieut. Shimon told him it was for the Senate War Investigating Committee. Other police aides told the committee earlier Lieut. Shimon told them the work was for an unnamed congressional committee.

Sen. Pepper said the first open hearing in the case will be on Thursday in the Senate Caucus Room.

Witnesses will be Pvt. John McHale, services assistant to Lieut. Shimon, and Joseph Talt, head of U. S. Recording Co., who told the committee yesterday he had lent recording equipment to Lieut. Shimon.

The committee will meet at 8 a. m. today to hear three witnesses. Robert Cordell, credit manager of the Mayflower, John Howard, general manager of Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., and William Klein, Washington money lender who used car dealer's license to furnish associates of Lieut. Shimon.

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ENCLOSURE

FBI Investigating Shimon Activity For House Unit

Grand Jury to Get Wire-Tapping Data On Gray-Market Probe

The FBI is investigating alleged wire-tapping by Police Lt. Joseph L. Shimon for the House committee which probed gray market sales and government espionage. It is taking that case before the grand jury, informed sources revealed today.

The Justice Department, it was learned, has testimony that wire-tapping at the Graylyn Hotel in 1945 was done to get information for the House committee headed by Representative Macey, Republican of New York. The government, according to these sources, hopes to find a witness who will testify that telephone conversations overheard at the Graylyn were subsequently divulged.

That was the stumbling block in prosecution of Lt. Shimon for alleged wire-tapping of telephone used by Howard Hughes, the millionaire industrialist, while he was here to testify before the Senate committee investigating wartime plane contracts in 1947.

Jury Explains Failure to Indict

United States Attorney George Morris Fay, in his appearance yesterday before the Pepper Subcommittee of the Senate District Committee, explained under repeated questioning that the grand jury failed to indict Lt. Shimon last week because it could not prove that he divulged any of the information gained by eavesdropping on Shimon's conversations. Morris said that Lt. Shimon was acting for the Macey committee. He learned he was the unpaid liaison officer between police headquarters and the court. He also was assigned as chief investigator for Mr. Fay's office, but for the Macey committee job. According to informed sources, he has given two police detectives to assist him without Mr. Fay's knowledge.

Mr. Macey told The Star he had called on Police Supt. Robert J. Barrett for aid during the 1948 investigation, which dealt mainly with espionage. Mr. Macey said that Barrett gave him the name of Lt. Shimon. Mr. Macey

added that he had no knowledge of any wire-tapping involved in the work of Lt. Shimon.

In another development, Senator Bridges, Republican of New Hampshire, acknowledged that he had praised the services of Lt. Shimon but denied any knowledge that Lt. Shimon engaged in wire-tapping.

More Testimony Due Today

His statement came as the Pepper Subcommittee plowed ahead with its investigation of police wire-tapping, still seeking to learn who got the information.

Five members of the Metropolitan Police Department already have told the subcommittee of tapping or listening-in on private phone conversations but the group as yet apparently has not established definitely for whom it was done.

Several more witnesses were to be heard at another closed session at 3 p.m. today, including telephone company and hotel officials. The first open hearing is scheduled for Thursday in the big Caucus Room in the Senate Office Building, where one of the principal accusers of Lt. Shimon will take the stand—Fay, John McHale.

There were confirmed reports last night that Senator Bridges was the one who brought Lt. Shimon into the picture in the summer of 1947 to chase away a "rogue's gallery" man who had been "shadowing" Senator Brewster, Republican, of Maine.

Senator Brewster was head of the 80th Congress War Investigating Committee of the Senate. He became embroiled at that time in hot controversies with Howard Hughes, West Coast plane builder and movie maker, during an inquiry into the plane builder's wartime contracts, conducted by the Ferguson subcommittee.

Grand Jury Witnesses

Also, it developed last night, Senator Bridges made an unannounced appearance recently before the District grand jury, then probing into wire-tapping accusations against Lt. Shimon. He went there, authoritative sources said, to confirm the account Senator Brewster had given the grand jury of "having been followed" during the 1947 hearings.

Senator Brewster has told reporters that he paid Lt. Shimon about \$100 for "expenses" which, the police officer told him he had incurred in tracing down that shadow.

Senator Bridges, who was chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee during the 80th Congress, said he could not discuss his appearance before the grand jury.

He agreed he had written a letter to police department of-

ficials, praising services rendered by Lt. Shimon at various times. He said this was just like "dozens of others" he had written commending officials for co-operation.

"It had nothing to do with the Hughes-Brewster issue," he said. "I was not a member of that War Investigating Committee."

Mr. Fay assured the Pepper Subcommittee yesterday the investigation of wire-tapping will proceed. But it was reported later that grand jury hearings on this probably will not be resumed before September. The statute of limitations would not bar prosecution of the Macy case until next spring.

One possible exception to this is the case involving testimony by Norman Whitaker, who figured in the Gaston B. Moore's \$100,000 Lindbergh baby ransom hoax, of which the late Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean was the victim. This case may be taken up prior to September.

Mr. Fay was sharply criticized at the executive hearings yesterday before the Pepper Subcommittee by Senator Neely, Democrat of West Virginia, head of the Senate District Committee and a member of the Pepper subcommittee.

His principal attack, witnesses said, was on a press interview Mr. Fay had given last Friday when he discussed failure by the grand jury to bring indictments in the Shimon wire-tapping cases.

Sees Cold Attitude

Senator Neely is said to have protested that what Mr. Fay said could be taken to indicate a cold attitude toward the Senate investigation. Mr. Fay denied he had any such intention and sharply denounced wire-tapping. He said he had no knowledge that Lt. Shimon, formerly his chief police investigator, had been engaging in such work, until charges were made against the officer a year ago.

Lt. Shimon was transferred from the United States Attorney's office last August and sent out to No. 14 Precinct. Since then he has been brought into No. 3 Precinct.

One complaint against Mr. Fay was that nearly a year elapsed before the complaints against Lt. Shimon were taken before the grand jury.

But on his side it was explained that he was not in charge, since this prosecution was made by

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especially assigned Justice Department attorneys.

Report Routine Criticized

Another complaint against Mr. Fay was that he had not received the report of Police Supt. Barrett on the wire-tapping activities of Lt. Shimon, but rather asked that it be sent to the Justice Department. The explanation here was that Mr. Fay made this request since he had been informed that Sgt. Barrett already had advised the Justice Department he had compiled the report.

Precinct Detective James G. Bryant, a witness at Senate hearings yesterday, reportedly told of having been directed by Lt. Shimon to engage in tapping the phones of Plane-Builder Hughes at the Mayflower and Carlton Hotels in 1947. He said he turned over to Lt. Shimon numerous pages of typewritten notes, taken down while listening to tapped wires.

Detective Bryant, according to reports, came up with the statement that Lt. Shimon had told him the wire was being done for the War Investigation Commission in connection with the

He said he had no knowledge of the wire-tapping activities of Lt. Shimon.

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The Attorney General

August 29, 1950

Director, FBI

FY SPECIAL MESSENGER

LIEUTENANT JOSEPH W. SHIMOK, was.
WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MISCELLANEOUS

In his memorandum dated August 11, 1950, Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney requested this Bureau to contact [redacted] and Howard Hughes to ascertain their knowledge with respect to the shadowing of Senator Brewster.

Agents of this Bureau have contacted [redacted] and [redacted] in this regard and the results of the interview with these persons is set forth in the report which is enclosed herewith.

When Agents interviewed [redacted] he stated that in his capacity as [redacted] of Howard Hughes' interests, he [redacted] during the Senatorial hearings in 1947, and that he and [redacted] had full and complete information in connection with what took place during those hearings. He pointed out that Hughes had been extremely busy at the time in connection with other matters, and that he had only about five per cent of the knowledge known to [redacted]. Both [redacted] and [redacted] cited as an example the fact that Hughes did not have personal knowledge of the surveillance which was conducted on Senator Brewster in 1947 until he had discussed the matter with them within the past few days. Both stated that an interview with Hughes would be entirely repetitious and that because of his extremely heavy commitments, he preferred not to be personally interviewed in connection with this matter but desired that [redacted] and [redacted] furnish the information known to them. [redacted] and [redacted] advised, however, that Hughes is willing to be interviewed if an interview with him is considered absolutely essential and that if this were the case it would not be necessary to issue subpoenas for him.

In view of the foregoing, it would be appreciated if you [redacted] advise whether you still desire that Mr. Hughes be interviewed.

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 25, 1950, at Los Angeles, California, which reflects the results of additional investigation requested by you in this matter.

This investigation has been limited to the matters specifically requested by you and, of course, is not a full inquiry into the captioned matter.

Enclosure

cc-Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: August 31, 1950

FROM : James M. McInerney, Assistant Attorney General,
Criminal Division

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SUBJECT: Lt. Joseph W. Shimon

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This is in reply to your memorandum of August 29, 1950, addressed to the Attorney General and which has been forwarded to this Division for attention. In that memorandum you pointed out that we had previously requested you to detail special agents to interview Messrs. [redacted] and Howard Hughes, to ascertain their knowledge with respect to the shadowing of Senator Brewster. You stated that [redacted] and [redacted] have been interviewed and stated that Hughes did not possess all of the information that was known to them. You requested to be advised whether we still desire that Mr. Hughes be interviewed.

It is our opinion and we hereby request that Howard Hughes be interviewed by special agents of the Bureau to ascertain what knowledge he possesses concerning the shadowing of Senator Brewster at the time Howard Hughes was being investigated by the Senate War Investigating Committee.

In view of the possibility that [redacted] may have committed perjury before the Senate District Committee and before the grand jury in connection with his testimony relative to the shadowing of Senator Brewster it is requested that a full inquiry into the shadowing of Senator Brewster be instituted by your Bureau. We therefore request that all leads indicated by the interviews of [redacted] and the future interview of Hughes be fully investigated.

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If we have been operating under restrictions here then we should reply as I have already indicated in the Shimon case.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 8-25-50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/19, 21-25/50	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE LIEUTENANT JOSEPH W. SHIMON, was. Metropolitan Police Department			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] HOWARD HUGHES' interests advises he employed SCHINDLER DETECTIVE AGENCY of New York City to conduct physical surveillance of Senator OWEN BREWSTER in summer of 1947. Duration of this surveillance was for period of approximately one week, exact dates unknown. Surveillance was to be physical only and [REDACTED] has no knowledge of any other type surveillance conducted on Senator BREWSTER. Purpose of surveillance was to ascertain Senator BREWSTER's possible contacts with persons connected with PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS. [REDACTED] recalls individual named [REDACTED] who contacted HUGHES and himself and indicated he possessed information which would be valuable to the HUGHES interests concerning Senator BREWSTER and his relationship with PAN AMERICAN representatives. [REDACTED] represented this information as valuable in connection with Senatorial Hearings conducted in Summer of 1947. [REDACTED] saw [REDACTED] on at least four occasions and thereafter advised HUGHES against hiring [REDACTED] inasmuch as it did not appear to [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] information would be valuable to HUGHES. The name of [REDACTED] is not familiar to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] believes that an individual named [REDACTED] first name unknown, may be the Washington contact of a private Los Angeles investigative agency. [REDACTED] believes [REDACTED] was probably requested by the Los Angeles investigative agency to conduct

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Washington.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

KNOWLEDGE OF SURVEILLANCE OF SENATOR OWEN HUGHES

[redacted] for HOWARD HUGHES, [redacted] advised that he had been present in Washington, D. C. for a great portion of the Summer of 1947 while Senatorial hearings were being held. [redacted] stated that he had no personal knowledge but did have the impression that some checking was done concerning Senator HUGHES' activities on behalf of the HUGHES interests and he felt that the HUGHES interests would have been foolish if they had not used every available means to protect themselves in connection with the Senate hearings.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] of the Carl Andre Public Relations Agency of New York City and Washington, D. C., was delegated by him to screen persons attempting to see Mr. HUGHES, [redacted] or [redacted] for the purpose of selling information in their possession to HUGHES during the summer of 1947 while the hearings were in progress. [redacted] stated that there were a great many such people and it was for this reason that many of these individuals would not be known to HUGHES, [redacted] or himself. He stated that [redacted] was instructed to only refer persons who had previously given information to himself or [redacted] for further interview. [redacted] stated that in his opinion [redacted] who now operates a private detective agency in Hollywood, had no vitally important information concerning this matter. He stated that he was attempting to weed out all the immaterial matters in order to leave time for himself to consider the really material issues involved. He stated that he has the impression that [redacted] or HUGHES may have been working on this matter and that [redacted] would have this information. He pointed out that nothing is considered immaterial by HUGHES, and it was for this reason that HUGHES had referred [redacted] to [redacted] and himself for further interview. [redacted] suspected that he had no specific knowledge of such checking or surveillance and that he was speaking only of his own impression. He stated he believed [redacted] would have complete knowledge of such a matter if it had occurred.

[redacted] asked whether or not results of these interviews would be retained in confidence and he advised that the results of the investigation would be made available to the Attorney General.

[redacted] HUGHES interests, advised that he had been in Washington during the summer of 1947 and was [redacted] for the HUGHES interests in connection with the Senatorial hearings being held at that time. [redacted] stated he had hired the CONNOLLY DETECTIVE AGENCY of New York City, [redacted] investigative agency, which had done a considerable amount of work

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conduct a physical surveillance of Senator BREWSTER. [redacted] that [redacted] whose first name [redacted] did not recall, had agreed to handle the assignment personally. [redacted] recalled that this physical surveillance was for the purpose of ascertaining whether Senator BREWSTER made contact with representatives of PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS in Washington, D. C. [redacted] indicated that [redacted] to handle the assignment alone and personally and recalled that [redacted] did not work on this assignment for more than a period of one week, to the best of [redacted] recollection. [redacted] without referring to records, was reasonably certain that this period was in July of 1941. He recalled having seen [redacted] sitting in the lobby of the MAYFLOWER HOTEL in Washington on several occasions but stated that [redacted] had never submitted a written report as to the results of his work. [redacted] recalled that [redacted] had telephoned him on one occasion and advised [redacted] that he had "picked up Senator BREWSTER on the Hill and taken him to the PAN AMERICAN apartment residence." [redacted] commented that it would probably have been more effective to observe Senator BREWSTER's actions prior to the beginning of the hearings. [redacted] stated that exact records of the period of [redacted] employment on this assignment could probably be located if it were necessary. [redacted] stated that he had no knowledge of any other surveillance being conducted on Senator BREWSTER and was definite in stating that the surveillance ordered was to be physical only for the above stated purpose.

[redacted] exhibited a clipping from the "Washington Star" dated August 6, 1950, which, in part, quoted HOWARD HUGHES as stating to the press that to his knowledge no one had shadowed Senator BREWSTER. [redacted] stated that it be made clear that HOWARD HUGHES did not, at the time of this statement, have any knowledge that [redacted] had ordered a physical surveillance of Senator BREWSTER or that it had been conducted. [redacted] stated that since [redacted] HUGHES' interests, he would have no reason to bother HUGHES with such matters and that he had retained [redacted] without HUGHES' knowledge. [redacted] pointed out that he wanted it clear that HUGHES had not intentionally made any misstatements to the press and that HUGHES had had no knowledge of the physical surveillance of Senator BREWSTER until the past few days when the matter was discussed with HUGHES following the interview of [redacted] [redacted] stated that he felt that either Mr. HUGHES or a spokesman for him should have an opportunity to make an additional statement to the press if the information furnished by [redacted] were to be released to the press.

REMARKS CONCERNING [redacted]

[redacted] vaguely recalled [redacted] name as being familiar to him as one of many individuals who had attempted to see [redacted]

views and information to representatives of HUGHES at about the time of the Senatorial Hearings in 1947. To the best of [redacted] recollection, [redacted] boasted of contacts in Washington, D. C. and indicated that he possessed information which would be helpful to the HUGHES' interests. [redacted] had the impression that [redacted] had talked to Mr. HUGHES on the phone and had indicated that he had valuable information and that thereafter [redacted] and [redacted] were instructed to interview him for purposes of evaluating such information as [redacted] possessed.

[redacted] advised that an individual named [redacted] whose first name he did not recall as being [redacted] or did not recall at all, had contacted HUGHES by phone and possibly had traveled to California to meet HUGHES. [redacted] recalled [redacted] as having reported he had important information concerning Senator BREWSTER which would be helpful to HUGHES in connection with the Senatorial Hearings. [redacted] had indicated that this information concerned contacts between Senator BREWSTER and representatives of PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS. [redacted] stated that [redacted] representations to HUGHES had interested HUGHES who had instructed [redacted] to contact [redacted] for the purpose of evaluating [redacted] information in relation to HUGHES' position in connection with the Senatorial Hearings. [redacted] recalled that he had had at least four contacts with [redacted] but possibly one or two more. He stated that these contacts took place in Washington, D. C. and New York City. [redacted] recalled [redacted] introducing him on one occasion to a member of the House of Representatives, whose name was not recalled by [redacted]. This Congressman had spoken highly of [redacted] to [redacted] on this occasion. This meeting took place in a hotel in New York City in the near vicinity of the WILDOW ASTORIA, where [redacted] was staying. [redacted] had invited [redacted] for cocktails on this occasion.

[redacted] recalled that [redacted] was also urging him to retain a Washington Attorney named [redacted] stated that he had told [redacted] who had also advised him that he would find [redacted] to be a good man. [redacted] stated that [redacted] services were not utilized either. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was not used in connection with any surveillance of Senator BREWSTER in so far as [redacted] knew. [redacted] stated that [redacted] insisted that his services be utilized before furnishing [redacted] with the information which he possessed concerning Senator BREWSTER but in order to stimulate interest on [redacted] part, [redacted] had furnished small bits of information to [redacted].

As an example of this [redacted] recalled [redacted] furnishing information:

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[redacted] represented that he had possible knowledge of the gift of a car to Senator BREWSTER's wife from some executive of Pan-American Airways.

(2) [redacted] represented that he had information concerning numerous instances of gratis transportation being furnished Senator BREWSTER by Pan-American Airways. b7c

(3) [redacted] represented that he had knowledge of the existence of a person who was a go-between for Pan-American Airways with Senator BREWSTER.

(4) [redacted] represented he had some knowledge of the fact that Pan-American Airways was financing a possible vice-presidential boom for Senator BREWSTER in connection with the 1948 election.

(5) [redacted] represented that he had some knowledge of the possibility that Pan-American representatives went to various service clubs throughout the United States and suggested to these clubs the desirability of having an American speaker address the group on matters of national interest and if the clubs agreed, these representatives recommended Senator BREWSTER as speaker and furnished the club with \$1,000 to \$1,500 with which to pay this speaker. [redacted] indicated that it was in this manner that Pan-American was able to secure Senator BREWSTER, thereby securing his over-all cooperation and assistance for Pan-American Airways in connection with matters which might affect the company's interests. [redacted] recalled that it came out at the hearings that Senator BREWSTER had traveled to South America via PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS but that it had been shown that Senator BREWSTER had paid for his transportation in this instance. b7c/b

[redacted] advised that, after several contacts with [redacted] he was unimpressed and felt that [redacted] was an "angle man". [redacted] stated he did not believe [redacted] information was of great importance and, therefore, recommended to HUNTS that [redacted] services not be retained. b7c/b

[redacted] also inquired as to the confidential nature of this interview and he was advised that the results of this investigation would be furnished to the Attorney General.

KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he had no knowledge of anyone by the name of [redacted] and could not recall him in connection with the hearings in any way whatsoever. [redacted] also advised that [redacted] could not recall anyone by this name in any connection. b7c

KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he did not recall the name of [REDACTED] in connection with the hearings in Washington or any other connection.

[REDACTED] recalled that someone, whose identity could not be recalled by [REDACTED] had highly recommended [REDACTED] in connection with the 1947 Senatorial Hearings. [REDACTED] was of the opinion that [REDACTED] was an attorney in Washington, D. C. [REDACTED] could not recall [REDACTED] as having been retained or used in connection with the hearings and [REDACTED] could not associate the recommendation of [REDACTED] in any manner.

KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING INDIVIDUAL NAMED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he could not recall anyone by the name of [REDACTED] in connection with the 1947 hearings or in connection with the matters related with the subject of those hearings.

[REDACTED] advised that the name of [REDACTED] first name unknown, was somewhat familiar to him. He stated that his impression and association of the name [REDACTED] was that this individual was probably the Washington contact of a Los Angeles private investigative agency operated by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had, in the past, conducted a considerable amount of investigative work for [REDACTED] and that he felt it was possible that [REDACTED] had requested [REDACTED] to act as a Washington contact in connection with this matter. [REDACTED] pointed out that the [REDACTED] Investigative Agency did no surveillance in connection with this matter. [REDACTED] stated that he believed that the [REDACTED] mentioned was used by [REDACTED] to conduct background investigation in Maine concerning Senator BREWSTER and that this investigation included looking into some of the political aspects of Senator BREWSTER's activities in his home state. [REDACTED] also indicated that this investigation was pointed toward finding indications that BREWSTER has received "gifts of potatoes" etc. [REDACTED] offered no further details concerning this matter. He was also certain that [REDACTED] had not participated in any surveillance of Senator BREWSTER.

KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING LIEUTENANT SHIMON AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] denied having any acquaintanceship with, knowledge or information concerning Lieutenant SHIMON. [REDACTED] stated that the name of [REDACTED] in press clippings and that he [REDACTED] was probably the "bag man" for [REDACTED] stated that he did not mind being quoted on the fact that he would "bet that [REDACTED]"

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[redacted] in Patagonia at the present time or as far away from [redacted] as he can get him." [redacted] stated that he felt that if authorities wanted to get to the bottom of this thing they should "sweat" [redacted] who he believes has more information about the present investigation than anyone else.

INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

On August 21, 1950, [redacted] SENATOR ROYAL, 726 South Spring, Los Angeles, advised that [redacted] had been a guest from April 18 to April 25, 1950. When departing, he furnished a forwarding address of [redacted]

[redacted] advised on August 22, 1950 that he had been an investigator for the WACI COMMITTEE investigating gray-market steel and related activities for about ten months during 1948. His period of employment was approximately February 1 to November 1, 1948. He advised that in his capacity as investigator, he had done work in the field in Washington, D. C., New York, Detroit, and the Middle West, and that for about one-half of his employment, he had advised JOHN REEDAN, Chief Counsel of the Committee, in preparing cases for presentation to the Committee. [redacted] stated that as a result of being in the Committee's offices at 1304 New House Office Building, Washington, D. C., he had become familiar with most of the individuals associated with the Committee in any capacity. [redacted] denied that he knew or had ever heard of Lieutenant JOSEPH W. SHIMON. [redacted] denied that he knew of any officer from the METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT who was associated with the Committee or who had ever been in the Committee's offices while he was present. [redacted] stated that he, in his capacity, had access to all of the Committee's files but that he could not recall ever having seen any reports submitted by officers of the METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT. [redacted] specifically could recall no reports submitted by Lieutenant SHIMON. [redacted] advised that he had heard of [redacted] and stated that [redacted] was [redacted] of one of the WACI COMMITTEE Investigators named [redacted] stated that [redacted] had been vacationing at [redacted]

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Washington on several occasions but could not recall anything that he heard specifically. [redacted] stated that he had never seen [redacted] in the offices of the MACY COMMITTEE and had never heard of him in connection with the Committee's activities.

[redacted] advised that the only information he had seen in the files of the Macy Committee or heard while working for the committee, about the officers of the Metropolitan Police Department was the fact that certain officers of that department were alleged to be engaged in gray-market automobile activities and were believed to be purchasing new automobiles and thereafter selling them at greatly increased prices. [redacted] pointed out that he had been terminated from the committee because of lack of funds and had left the committee's employ before the hearings were held on black market automobile activities. For that reason, he was unable to state anything concerning what might have come out at the hearings concerning activities of Washington police officers. [redacted] stated that he had heard around Washington that [redacted] was a very close friend and associate of Senator STILES BRIDGES. [redacted] also recalled hearing that Representative EMANUEL CELLAR of Brooklyn, New York, had attempted to intervene with the Macy Committee for an automobile dealer handling Cadillacs either in Brooklyn or Washington, D. C., which dealer the committee was investigating at one time during its existence.

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Each individual interviewed in connection with this matter has been advised of the confidential nature of the inquiry and the fact that this inquiry is being made at the specific request of the Attorney General.

[redacted] stated that as a matter of general policy he had advised Mr. HUGHES and his associates that he felt it wise to let old wounds heal in connection with Mr. HUGHES' dispute with Senator BREWSTER. [redacted] stated that he felt that as a result of the hearings and decisions made since that time that TWA was in a very unfavorable position in its competition with Pan-American Airways. He stated that for this reason he was rather reluctant to see this matter reopened, but that he did not like to advise anyone to be uncooperative with any agency of the Government. He stated that for this reason he felt that [redacted] and Mr. HUGHES would make themselves available for interview, although Mr. HUGHES was eccentric about granting interviews and preferred to have either [redacted] or himself furnish whatever information was needed. b7c

[redacted] stated that in his capacity [redacted] HOWARD HUGHES' interests and as [redacted] in connection with the Senatorial Hearings, he had lived with the matter involving the Senatorial Hearings in 1947 and that between himself and [redacted] they had full and complete information as to what took place in those hearings. [redacted] pointed out that HUGHES, on the other hand, was extremely busy in connection with other matters and had only about 5% of the knowledge known to [redacted]. Both [redacted] and [redacted] stated that because of HUGHES' extremely heavy commitments, he preferred not to be personally interviewed and that [redacted] and [redacted] furnish the information known to them. Both stated that interview with HUGHES would be entirely repetitious in nature and pointed as an example to the fact that HUGHES did not have personal knowledge of the surveillance which was conducted on Senator BREWSTER in 1947 until he had discussed the matter with [redacted] and [redacted] within the past few days. Both advised, however, that HUGHES was willing to be interviewed if officials felt it was absolutely essential. [redacted] and [redacted] stated that if this were the case, it would not be necessary to issue a subpoena for Mr. HUGHES. They requested that they be advised if, in the light of all of the above information furnished by them, officials wished to have Mr. HUGHES personally interviewed, in which case he would immediately make himself available. b7c

A check of the usual records and sources of information [redacted] failed to reflect information concerning the whereabouts of [redacted] Representative of [redacted] could not furnish information as to [redacted] residence address or present location but recalled that [redacted] was a friend of [redacted]. Efforts to contact [redacted] have been unavailing to date. b7c

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D.C., will advise, after appropriate consideration, whether a personal interview with HOWARD HUGHES is desired. Note should be taken of the fact that HUGHES' representatives have requested that HUGHES not be interviewed unless officials deem it absolutely essential.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California, will continue efforts to locate [REDACTED] and thereafter interview him concerning his knowledge as to the present whereabouts or possible location of [REDACTED]

References:

Teletypes, Washington Field Office to Los Angeles dated 8-18, 8-21 and 8-23-50
Teletypes, Los Angeles to Washington Field Office dated 8-22 and 8-25-50.

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[redacted] for MACY COSQUITTE, denies any knowledge concerning Lt. SPIDEN or knowledge of any connection between MACY COSQUITTE and SPIDEN. [redacted] recalls [redacted] was [redacted] or [redacted]

[redacted] for MACY COSQUITTE. [redacted] has no information concerning [redacted] but met him on one occasion while visiting [redacted] at [redacted]

[redacted] has impression that [redacted] was a [redacted] in Washington. [redacted] not yet located at Los Angeles.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

[redacted] for HOWARD HUGHES
[redacted] was interviewed on August 19, 1950 by the
writer and Special Agent in Charge RICHARD B. HOOD.
[redacted] HOWARD HUGHES interests was later
viewed on August 24, 1950, following his return to Los Angeles, by the writer
and Special Agent [redacted] was present during the interview
view with [redacted] which was conducted at [redacted]

KNOWLEDGE OF SURVEILLANCE OF SENATOR OWEN BREWSTER

[redacted] advised that he had been present in Washington, D. C. for
a great portion of the Summer of 1947 while Senatorial Hearings were being
held. [redacted] stated that he had no personal knowledge but did have the im-
pression that some checking was done concerning Senator BREWSTER's activities
on behalf of the HUGHES interests. [redacted] stated he based this impression
on pure logic in view of the fact that the competitive positions between PAN
AMERICAN AIRWAYS and TWA were intense and that for the protection of HUGHES
interests at the hearings, it would have been important for the HUGHES interests
to know as much as possible concerning Senator BREWSTER's associations or con-
tacts with representatives of PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS. [redacted] repeated that
he had no specific knowledge of such checking or surveillance and that he
was speaking only of his impression. He stated he believed [redacted]
would have complete knowledge of such a matter if it had occurred.

[redacted] advised that he had been in Washington during the
summer of 1947 and was [redacted] for the HUGHES interests
in connection with the Senatorial Hearings being held at that time. [redacted]
advised he had hired the SCHINDLER DETECTIVE AGENCY of New York City, a pri-
vate investigative agency, which had done a considerable amount of work for
TWA, to conduct a physical surveillance of Senator BREWSTER. [redacted] stated
that [redacted] whose first name [redacted] did not recall, had
agreed to handle the assignment personally. [redacted] recalled that this
physical surveillance was for the purpose of ascertaining whether Senator
BREWSTER made contact with representatives of PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS in
Washington, D. C. [redacted] indicated that [redacted] was to handle the
assignment alone and personally and recalled that [redacted] did not work
on this assignment for more than a period of one week, to the best of
[redacted] recollection. [redacted] without referring to records, was re-
assured that this period was in July of 1947. He recalled having

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_____ sitting in the lobby of the MAYFLOWER HOTEL in Washington, D.C. on various occasions but stated that _____ had never submitted a written report to the results of his work. _____ recalled that _____ telephoned him on one occasion and advised _____ that he had "picked up Senator BREWSTER on the Hill and taken him to the PAN AMERICAN executive residence." _____ commented that it would probably have been more productive to observe Senator BREWSTER's actions prior to the beginning of the hearings. _____ stated that exact records of the period of _____ employment on this assignment could probably be located if it were necessary. _____ stated that he had no knowledge of any other surveillance being conducted on Senator BREWSTER and was definite in stating that the surveillance ordered was to be physical only for the above stated purpose.

██████████ exhibited a clipping from the "Washington Star" dated August 6, 1950, which, in part, quoted HOWARD HUGHES as stating to the press that to his knowledge no one had shadowed Senator BREWSTER. ██████████ asked that it be made clear that HOWARD HUGHES did not, at the time of this statement, have any knowledge that ██████████ had ordered a physical surveillance of Senator BREWSTER or that it had been conducted. ██████████ stated that since ██████████ HUGHES' interests, he would have no reason to know HUGHES with such matters and that he had retained ██████████ without HUGHES' knowledge. ██████████ pointed out that he wanted it clear that HUGHES had not intentionally made any misstatements to the press and that HUGHES had no knowledge of the physical surveillance of Senator BREWSTER until the past few days when the matter was discussed with HUGHES following the interview of ██████████ ██████████ stated that he felt that either Mr. HUGHES or a spokesman for him should have an opportunity to make an additional statement to the press if the information furnished by ██████████ were to be released to the press.

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[redacted] vaguely recalled [redacted] name as being familiar. He described [redacted] as one of many individuals who had attempted to sell services and information to representatives of HUGHES at about the time of the Senatorial Hearings in 1947. To the best of [redacted] recollection, [redacted] boasted of contacts in Washington, D. C. and indicated that he possessed information which would be helpful to the HUGHES interests. [redacted] had the impression that [redacted] had talked to Mr. HUGHES on the phone and had indicated that he had valuable information and that thereafter [redacted] and [redacted] were instructed to interview him for purposes of evaluating such information. [redacted] was dismissed.

██████████ advised that an individual named ██████████ who he did not recall as being ██████████ or did not recall at all,

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██████████ contacted HUGHES by phone and possibly had traveled to California. ██████████ recalled ██████████ as having reported he had information concerning Senator BREWSTER which would be helpful to HUGHES in connection with the Senatorial Hearings. ██████████ had indicated that this information concerned contacts between Senator BREWSTER and representatives of PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS. ██████████ stated that ██████████ representations to HUGHES had interested HUGHES who had instructed ██████████ to contact ██████████ for the purpose of evaluating ██████████ information in relation to HUGHES' position in connection with the Senatorial Hearings. ██████████ recalled that he had had at least four contacts with ██████████ but possibly one or two more. He stated that these contacts took place in Washington, D. C. and New York City. ██████████ recalled ██████████ introducing him on one occasion to a Member of the House of Representatives, whose name was not recalled by ██████████. This Congressman had spoken highly of ██████████ to ██████████ on this occasion. This meeting took place in a hotel in New York City in the near vicinity of the WALDORF ASTORIA, where ██████████ was staying. ██████████ had invited ██████████ for cocktails on this occasion. ██████████ recalled that ██████████ was also urging him to retain a Washington Attorney named ██████████. ██████████ stated that he had met ██████████ who had also advised him that he would find ██████████ to be a good man. ██████████ advised that after several contacts with ██████████ he was unimpressed and felt that ██████████ was a "angle man". ██████████ stated that he did not believe ██████████ information was of great importance and therefore recommended to HUGHES that ██████████ services not be retained. ██████████ stated that ██████████ services were not utilized either. ██████████ advised that ██████████ was not used in connection with any surveillance of Senator BREWSTER in so far as ██████████ knew. ██████████ stated that ██████████ indicated that his services be utilized before furnishing ██████████ with the information which he possessed concerning Senator BREWSTER but in order to stimulate interest on ██████████ part, ██████████ had furnished small bits of information to ██████████. As an example of this, ██████████ recalled ██████████ furnishing information to the effect that Senator BREWSTER had accepted free transportation from PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS. ██████████ recalled that it came out at the hearings that Senator BREWSTER had traveled to South America via PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS but that it had been shown that Senator BREWSTER had paid for his transportation in this instance.

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██████████ advised that he had no knowledge of anyone by the name of ██████████ and could not recall him in connection with the Senatorial Hearings in any way whatsoever. ██████████ also advised that he could not recall anyone by this name in any connection.

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██████████ stated that he did not recall the name of ██████████ in connection with the hearings in Washington or any other connection.

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[redacted] recalled that someone, whose identity could not be recalled by [redacted] had highly recommended [redacted] in connection with the 1947 Senatorial Hearings. [redacted] was of the opinion that [redacted] was an attorney in Washington, D. C. [redacted] could not recall [redacted] as having been retained or used in connection with the hearings and [redacted] could not associate the recommendation of [redacted] with [redacted] in any manner. b7D

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[redacted] advised that he could not recall anyone by the name of [redacted] in connection with the 1947 hearings or in connection with any matters related with the subject of those hearings. [redacted] advised that the name of [redacted] first name unknown, was somewhat familiar to him. He stated that his impression and association of the name [redacted] was that this individual was probably the Washington contact of a Los Angeles private investigative agency operated by [redacted] stated that [redacted] had, in the past, conducted a considerable amount of investigative work for HUGHES and that he felt it was possible that [redacted] had requested [redacted] to act as a Washington contact in connection with this matter. b7D
[redacted] pointed out that the [redacted] Investigative Agency did no surveillance work in connection with this matter. [redacted] was of the opinion that [redacted] had possibly been requested by [redacted] to conduct background investigation of Senator BREWSTER in the State of Maine. [redacted] was also certain that [redacted] had not participated in any surveillance of Senator BREWSTER.

INFORMATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE FUTURE INTERVIEW OF
EDWARD HUGHES

[redacted] stated that in his capacity, he had lived with the matter involving the Senatorial Hearings in 1947 and that between himself and [redacted] they had full and complete information as to what took place in connection with these hearings. [redacted] pointed out that HUGHES, on the other hand, was extremely busy in connection with other matters and had only about 5% of the knowledge known to [redacted]. Both [redacted] and [redacted] stated that because of HUGHES' extremely heavy commitments, he preferred not to be personally interviewed and that [redacted] and [redacted] furnish the information known to them. Both stated that interview with HUGHES would be entirely repetitious in nature and pointed as an example to the fact that HUGHES did not have personal knowledge of the surveillance which was conducted on Senator BREWSTER in 1947 until he had the matter with [redacted] and [redacted] within the past few days. b7D
[redacted] however, that HUGHES was willing to be interviewed if official [redacted] absolutely essential. [redacted] and [redacted] stated that if this were [redacted] it would not be necessary to issue a subpoena for Mr. HUGHES. [redacted] stated that they be advised if, in the light of all of the above [redacted]

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information furnished by them, officials wished to have Mr. HUGHES personally interviewed, in which case he would immediately make himself available.

INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED]

On August 21, 1950, [REDACTED] SENATOR HOTEL, 67%
726 South Spring, Los Angeles, advised that [REDACTED] had been a guest 67%
from April 18 to April 25, 1950. When departing, he furnished a forwarding 1
address of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised on August 22, 1950 that he had been an Investigator for 67%
the MACY COMMITTEE investigating gray-market steel and related activities for
about ten months during 1948. His period of employment was approximately
February 1 to November 1, 1948. He advised that in his capacity as Investigator,
he had done work in the field in Washington, D. C., New York, Detroit, and the
Middle West, and that for about one-half of his employment, he had assisted
JOHN REDDAN, Chief Counsel of the Committee, in preparing cases for presenta-
tion to the Committee. [REDACTED] stated that as a result of being in the
Committee's offices at 1904 New House Office Building, Washington, D. C., he
had become familiar with most of the individuals associated with the Committee
in any capacity. [REDACTED] denied that he knew or had ever heard of Lieutenant
JOSEPH W. SHIMON. [REDACTED] denied that he knew of any officer from the METROPOLITAN
POLICE DEPARTMENT who was associated with the Committee or who had ever been in
the Committee's offices while he was present. [REDACTED] stated that he, in his
capacity, had access to all of the Committee's files but that he could not re-
call ever having seen any reports submitted by officers of the METROPOLITAN
POLICE DEPARTMENT. [REDACTED] specifically could recall no reports submitted by
Lieutenant SHIMON. [REDACTED] advised that he had heard of [REDACTED] and 67%
stated that [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] of one of the MACY COMMITTEE
Investigators named [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had been
vacationing at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on several occasions but could not recall anything that he had
specifically. [REDACTED] stated that he had never seen [REDACTED] in
the MACY COMMITTEE and had never heard of him in connection

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A check of the usual records and sources of information so far has failed to reflect information concerning the whereabouts of [REDACTED] representative of [REDACTED] could not furnish information as to [REDACTED] residence address or present location but recalled that [REDACTED] was a friend of [REDACTED] Efforts to contact [REDACTED] have been unavailing to date.

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Each individual interviewed in connection with this matter has been advised of the confidential nature of the inquiry and the fact that this information was made at the specific request of the Attorney General.

██████████ stated that as a matter of general policy he had advised HUGHES and his associates that he felt it wise to let all wounds heal in connection with Mr. HUGHES' dispute with Senator BREWSTER. ██████████ stated that he felt that as a result of the hearings and decisions made since that time that TWA was in a very unfavorable position in its competition with Pan American Airways. He stated that for this reason he was rather reluctant to see this matter reopened, but that he did not like to advise anyone to be uncooperative with any agency of the Government. He stated that for this reason he felt that

██████████ and Mr. HUGHES would make themselves available for interview. Mr. HUGHES was eccentric about granting interviews and preferred to have either ██████████ or himself furnish whatever information was needed. ██████████ stated that he had no personal knowledge of any surveillance on Senator BREWSTER and was of the impression that one was conducted and felt that the HUGHES' interview would have been foolish if they had not used every available means to protect themselves in connection with the Senate Hearings. ██████████ stated that

██████████ of the Carl Byrd Public Relations Agency at New York City and ██████████ D. C., was delegated by him to screen persons attempting to see Mr. HUGHES

██████████ or himself for the purpose of selling information in their possession to HUGHES during the summer of 1947 while the hearings were in progress. ██████████ stated there were a great many such people and it was for this reason that none of these individuals would not be known to HUGHES, ██████████ or himself. ██████████ stated that ██████████ was instructed to only refer persons who had apparently given information to himself or ██████████ for further interview. ██████████ stated that

his opinion ██████████ who now operates a private detective agency in Baltimore had no vitally important information concerning this case. He stated that he was attempting to weed out all the immaterial matters in order to leave himself to consider the really material issues involved. He stated that he had the impression that ██████████ or HUGHES may have had ██████████ working on this matter and that ██████████ would have this information. He pointed out that nothing is considered immaterial by HUGHES, and it was for this reason that ██████████ had referred ██████████ to ██████████ and himself for further interview. ██████████

asked whether or not results of these interviews would be retained in confidence and was advised that since this matter was being investigated at the specific request of the Attorney General that the results of the investigation would be made available to the Attorney General and that interviewing agencies were not in a position to advise as to what disposition would be made of the information.

██████████ who was unavailable for interview because of other commitments until August 25th, advised that ██████████ in connection with the Senatorial Hearings and, therefore, had all information available to him, as opposed to HUGHES, who did not have all the facts. Relative to ██████████ whose first name could not be recalled by ██████████ he stated that among bits of information furnished to him by ██████████ which appeared to be of considerable interest, were the following:

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(1) [redacted] represented that he had possible knowledge of the gift of an automobile to Senator BREWSTER's wife from some executive of Pan-American Airways.

(2) [redacted] represented that he had information concerning numerous instances of gratis transportation being furnished Senator BREWSTER by Pan-American Airways.

(3) [redacted] represented that he had knowledge of the existence of a Pan-American Airways go-between for Pan-American Airways with Senator BREWSTER.

(4) [redacted] represented he had some knowledge of the fact that Pan-American Airways was financing a possible vice-presidential boom for Senator BREWSTER in connection with the 1948 election.

(5) [redacted] represented that he had some knowledge of the possibility that Pan-American representatives went to various service clubs throughout the United States and suggested to these clubs the desirability of having an important speaker at their group on matters of national interest and if the club agreed, those clubs recommended Senator BREWSTER as such a speaker and furnished the club with a check for \$1,500 with which to pay this speaker. [redacted] indicated that it was his opinion that Pan-American was subsidizing Senator BREWSTER, thereby securing Pan-American all cooperation and assistance for Pan-American Airways in connection with matters which might affect that concern.

[redacted] pointed out that he felt [redacted] was strictly an "Anglo-American" having some contacts with him and that he recommended to HUGHES that [redacted] be hired or used in connection with this matter. [redacted] also stated that the confidential nature of this interview and was also advised that since [redacted] for this investigation had emanated from the Attorney General's office, [redacted] would be made available to him and that it was impossible to give him any assurance as to the disposition of the results of these interviews. [redacted] stated that he believed the [redacted] mentioned was the Washington correspondent of [redacted] to conduct background investigation in Maine concerning Senator BREWSTER and that this investigation included looking into some of the political aspects of Senator BREWSTER's activities in his home state. [redacted] also indicated that this investigation was pointed toward finding indications that BREWSTER had received "gifts of potatoes" etc. [redacted] did not go further into this matter and was not questioned concerning it. [redacted] denied having any acquaintanceship with, knowledge of, or any information concerning [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he had seen the name of [redacted] in press with [redacted] and that he believed [redacted] was probably the "bag man" for [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he did not mind being quoted on the fact that he would "bet that [redacted] has [redacted] in Patagonia at the present time or as far away as [redacted] as he can get him". [redacted] stated that he felt that if authorities got to the bottom of this thing they should "sweat" [redacted]. [redacted] has more information about the present investigation than anyone else. [redacted] stated that HUGHES did not want to be uncooperative but that he opposed to being interviewed and would present himself willingly for interview.

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officials in Washington considered it absolutely necessary. [redacted] stated, however, that HUGHES did not have as much information as he did and that it was being apparently repetitious, he would prefer that the matter was left to officials in Washington before an interview with HUGHES was arranged. [redacted] and [redacted] pointed out, however, that HUGHES did not have to be interviewed and would prefer that a subpoena not be issued. Both stated he would still present himself for interview after a decision was obtained from officials in Washington.

[redacted] advised that the only information he had seen in [redacted] or the Macy Committee or heard while working for the committee, about the officers of the Metropolitan Police Department was the fact that certain officers of that Department were alleged to be engaged in grey-market automobile activities and were believed to be purchasing new automobiles and thereafter selling them at greatly increased prices. [redacted] pointed out that he had been terminated from the committee because of lack of funds and had left the committee's employ before the hearings were held on black market automobile activities. For that reason he was unable to state anything concerning what might have come out at the hearings concerning activities of Washington police officers. [redacted] stated he had heard around Washington that [redacted] was a very close friend and associate of Senator STILES BRIDGES and was reportedly a very wealthy man. [redacted] also recalled hearing that Representative EMANUEL CILLAR of Brooklyn had attempted to intervene with the Macy Committee for an automobile dealer handling Cadillacs either in Brooklyn or Washington, D.C., which dealer the committee was investigating at one time during its existence.

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SAC, Los Angeles

August 29, 1950

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SERGEANT JOSEPH W. SHIMON, was.
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Re: SA [redacted] dated 8-25-50 at Los Angeles. 57c

The referenced report has been rewritten at the Bureau to eliminate administrative data from the body of the report and to transpose pertinent information from the administrative section to the details of this report.

Copies of the original report submitted by SA [redacted] should be removed from your file and the copies of the amended report, which are enclosed herewith, should be substituted. 57c

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TITLE LIEUTENANT JOSEPH W. SHIMON, was. Metropolitan Police Department			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] engaged by HOWARD HUGHES in 1947 to investigate Senator OWEN BREWSTER's connections with Pan American Airways. [REDACTED] assisted in his investigation by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. No investigation conducted by [REDACTED] or his men in preparation for HUGHES' testimony in July or August, 1947, and no surveillances conducted either physical or technical. [REDACTED] claims no knowledge of any wire tapping. HOWARD HUGHES in personal interview advised he had ordered investigation by [REDACTED] into relationship between Senator BREWSTER and Pan American Airways representatives. HUGHES denied ordering any type of surveillance on Senator BREWSTER or giving any instructions to agencies hired to conduct the investigation. HUGHES is aware only of the [REDACTED] investigation and has learned only within the past month that [REDACTED] ordered investigation by the Schindler Detective Agency. HUGHES stated he recalls being advised by [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] did not intend to employ any technical surveillance of Senator BREWSTER. HUGHES recalls being contacted by [REDACTED] who alleged that he had derogatory information concerning Senator BREWSTER, but HUGHES denied that [REDACTED] services were retained. HUGHES has heard [REDACTED] mentioned only within past few weeks and had no knowledge of [REDACTED] services being employed until that time. Neither HUGHES nor [REDACTED] had information concerning Lt. SHIMON, [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] located at [REDACTED] and declined to be interviewed.

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DETAILS:

INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] operator of [REDACTED] was interviewed at his office September 12, 1950. [REDACTED] advised he was following the present investigation and Grand Jury action at Washington regarding this matter very closely and had several pages of notes as yet undictated regarding it. He stated he has been in very close touch with the HUGHES' Interests as well as with [REDACTED] and was aware that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had been interviewed.

[REDACTED] advised that early in 1947 he was engaged by HOWARD HUGHES personally to conduct investigation in connection with a trip made to South America by Senator OWEN BREWSTER. The purpose of this investigation was solely to determine if Pan American Airways had paid for BREWSTER's trip. After being originally engaged by HUGHES personally, [REDACTED] had dealings with other members of HUGHES' Interests as well as HUGHES himself. There was no limitation placed on finances, personnel, or techniques by HUGHES or anyone in the HUGHES' Interests.

In connection with conducting the original investigation early in 1947 [REDACTED] engaged [REDACTED] as an associate in Washington, D. C. They subsequently engaged the services of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to conduct investigation in the state of Maine and in areas other than Washington, D. C. [REDACTED] stated this investigation which was conducted prior to July of 1947 did not require any surveillance work either physical, technical, or wire tapping. Neither HUGHES nor any of his associates ever requested [REDACTED] to perform surveillances or wire tapping, and [REDACTED] did not request any of his associates, which were the three investigators mentioned above, to conduct any surveillances or wire tapping. [REDACTED] stated that if [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] performed any wire tapping or discussed wire tapping it was entirely without his knowledge.

In about July or August, 1947 when HUGHES and his associates went to Washington in connection with the Congressional Hearings, neither HUGHES nor any of his associates requested any investigation or work of any kind by [REDACTED] in connection with preparation for this testimony. [REDACTED] was advised by [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] contacted the HUGHES' Interests in Washington at that time in an attempt to be retained in a legal capacity or in some legal liaison position by the HUGHES' Interests. However, to [REDACTED] knowledge he was not retained in any capacity. To [REDACTED] knowledge the only work performed by [REDACTED] for the HUGHES' Interests up to that time was investigative as an associate with [REDACTED] in attempting to

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determine whether BREWSTER's trip to South America was financed by Pan American Airways. As far as [redacted] knows neither himself, [redacted] nor [redacted] conducted any investigation or performed any services, including wire tapping, in connection with HUGHES' appearances in Washington at the Congressional Hearings.

Soon after the hearings held in July or August of 1947, the scope of [redacted] investigation as requested by the HUGHES' Interests was enlarged to determine any connection between Senator BREWSTER and Pan American Airways. [redacted] stated the additional investigation requested by HUGHES did not require any kind of surveillance work, either physical, technical, or wire tapping, and none was requested by any of the HUGHES' Interests and none was performed by [redacted] or any of his associates to his knowledge. He again stated that if any wire tapping was performed by anyone for HUGHES or the HUGHES' Interests, it was without his knowledge or instructions, and that he never discussed wire tapping or any kind of surveillance with [redacted] or [redacted] stated that [redacted] and [redacted] in their investigative activities for the HUGHES' Interests received their instructions from [redacted] and as far as he knew conducted no investigation other than that ordered by him. According to [redacted] his first knowledge of any wire tapping in connection with the Congressional Hearings was upon reading disclosures in the press recently made by DEAN PEARSON.

With respect to [redacted] advised he does not know this individual and did not recognize the name when it came up in the recent investigation. [redacted] attempted to refresh [redacted] memory recently by stating that [redacted] was introduced to LAPPIN in a hotel lobby when [redacted] was in Washington during the second Congressional Hearings eight months to a year after July or August of 1947. [redacted] told [redacted] LAPPIN was trying to offer his services to the HUGHES' Interests. [redacted] advised he had no knowledge of anyone by the name of [redacted] or [redacted]. He stated the names meant absolutely nothing to him.

[redacted] advised that to his knowledge the Behndler Agency of New York was hired by the HUGHES' Interests at some time. However, he did not know when or for what purpose or whether [redacted] conducted any kind of surveillance work for HUGHES' Interests.

INTERVIEW WITH HOWARD HUGHES

HOWARD HUGHES was interviewed at the Beverly Hills Hotel in the presence of his attorney, TOM SLACK, on September 14, 1950. HUGHES advised that he was aware that [redacted] had conducted an investigation of Senator JOHN BREWSTER, and that he had requested this investigation by [redacted] for the purpose of ascertaining Senator BREWSTER's relationship and associations with [redacted].

executives or representatives of the Pan American Airway Company. HUGHES recalled this investigation was instituted in 1947 and stated that he had not specified any investigative steps to [redacted] but had merely stated to [redacted] the broad purpose of the investigation and left the methods to be employed to [redacted]. He stated that he had received reports from [redacted] on the matter and distinctly recalled [redacted] telling him on one occasion that [redacted] did not intend to employ any technical surveillance in connection with the investigation of Senator BREWSTER. HUGHES stated he recalled this particularly because he had asked what a technical surveillance was, and that [redacted] had advised him that it referred to wire taps and microphones. 37C

HUGHES stated that the investigation conducted by [redacted] developed factual information which had numerous ramifications and that some of these ramifications were developed by investigation, but that eventually the investigation was terminated before all investigative leads had been followed up. HUGHES stated the reason the investigation had not been completed was due to the pressure of more important affairs and the seeming lack of necessity for completing all phases that had been raised by the investigation completed.

HUGHES stated that until very recently when it had been discussed with him by his General Manager, NOAH DIETRICH, he had not been aware of the fact that the Schindler Detective Agency of New York had been employed to conduct additional investigation of Senator BREWSTER in 1947. HUGHES disclaimed any personal knowledge of the results of such investigation. HUGHES stated that these two investigations represented all investigations of which he had knowledge or which had been brought to his attention as being instigated by the HUGHES' Interests in so far as Senator BREWSTER was concerned. He recalled that [redacted] had gone to Washington to conduct some investigation which led from Washington to the state of Maine, but that he was sure in his own mind that [redacted] had never conducted any surveillance of any kind of Senator BREWSTER, and that [redacted] would have employed other operators had such been deemed advisable. HUGHES felt quite certain that [redacted] had not done so, however.

HUGHES recalled that a man named [redacted] had been referred to him by a third party whose identity HUGHES could not recall but in whom HUGHES was certain he had considerable faith. This third party had highly recommended [redacted] and [redacted] in turn represented to HUGHES that he had information which would be of value to the HUGHES' Interests in connection with the Senatorial Hearings being held in the summer of 1947. HUGHES recalled that based on [redacted] initial representations concerning the value of this information he had referred [redacted] to DIETRICH and SLACK, who were then in Washington, in order that they might hear the details of [redacted] information and evaluate it in relation to matters of interest to the HUGHES' Interests. 37C

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HUGHES recalled that apparently DIETRICH and [REDACTED] were unable to come to satisfactory terms and [REDACTED] services were not retained. HUGHES denied that [REDACTED] had engaged in any type of surveillance of Senator BREWSTER at his request and was unable to recall anything concerning [REDACTED] participation in this matter except his original contact.

HUGHES advised that he had never personally heard of [REDACTED] until the very recent past when Mr. DIETRICH advised him that [REDACTED] had sought to be retained by the HUGHES' interests as an attorney at about the time of the hearings. HUGHES stated that he had no information and was unfamiliar with the names of [REDACTED] Lieutenant SHIMON, [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. He stated that he had seen these names in newspaper accounts of the present investigation in Washington but had no other knowledge concerning these individuals.

HUGHES and SLACK discussed between themselves the date that JACOB FRY, former President of TWA, resigned from that corporation. They decided that he had no longer had an active part in this corporation after April of 1947. This discussion was brought about by HUGHES attempting to recall whether or not FRY or any other executive of TWA might have ordered any investigation of Senator BREWSTER without the knowledge of HUGHES, DIETRICH, or SLACK. Both SLACK and HUGHES concluded that it would have been very unlikely that FRY or any other TWA official had ordered any such investigation.

INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was contacted at the [REDACTED] on September 8, 1970. He said he must respectfully decline to make any comment regarding this matter until he confers with his attorney [REDACTED] 240

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All persons interviewed as set forth in this report were advised that this investigation originated at the specific request of the Attorney General.

[REDACTED] was interviewed on September 12, 1950 by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. HOWARD HUGHES was interviewed on September 14, 1950 by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the presence of his attorney, TCM SLACK.

HUGHES was advised of his rights to make no statement prior to being interviewed and advised that he was aware of such rights. Efforts to contact HUGHES for an appointment were made by his confidential secretary and NOAH DISTRICH, Vice President in charge of all HUGHES interests, but were unable to locate him until the night of September 13, 1950, when an appointment was made at HUGHES' convenience. He requested originally that he be interviewed in the late evening of September 13, 1950, and his secretary was advised that this would be done. He later requested that this appointment be cancelled and he was interviewed at 11:00 A.M. on the following day.

[REDACTED] was interviewed at [REDACTED] by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] expressed surprise and amazement and desired to know how he had been located since such as he stated he had not left any information as to his whereabouts.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/25/50 at Los Angeles
Washington Field teletypes of 9/7 and 11/50.

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TO : Mr. Ladd
 FROM : A. Rosen *Handwritten: 84*
 SUBJECT: LIEUTENANT JOSEPH W. SHIMON, was
 Washington Police Department
 MISCELLANEOUS

DATE: August 30, 1950

Investigation in the Shimon case has now disclosed that a representative of Howard Hughes arranged with a private detective agency at New York City to have a surveillance conducted on Senator Owen Brewster during the Senatorial hearings into the Hughes case in 1947.

Handwritten: [Redacted] Howard Hughes
 interests, when recently interviewed by Agents at Los Angeles, advised that he had [Redacted] for the Hughes interests in connection with the Senatorial hearings in 1947. He advised that he had hired the Schindler Detective Agency of New York City, a private investigative agency which had previously done work for TWA, to conduct a physical surveillance of Senator Brewster. The purpose of this surveillance was to ascertain whether the Senator made contact with representatives of Pan American Airways in Washington, D. C. [Redacted] said that one of the Schindlers, whose first name he could not recall, had personally handled the assignment and that to the best of his recollection the surveillance lasted approximately one week sometime in the month of July, 1947. Schindler did not make any written reports, but [Redacted] said he had telephoned on one occasion to state that he had "picked up Senator Brewster on the Hill and taken him to the Pan American executive residences." [Redacted] said he had no knowledge of any other surveillance conducted on Senator Brewster and that the surveillance he ordered was to be physical only. He explained that Hughes had no knowledge of this surveillance until a few days ago, when the matter was discussed with him following interview by Agents with Tom Slack, General Counsel for Hughes. Hughes has indicated that he would prefer not to be interviewed in this connection unless the Department considers it absolutely essential, and the matter has been referred to the Department.

It will be recalled that Lieutenant Shimon has stated that he was employed by Senator Brewster in 1947 for the purpose of determining the identity of an individual who was supposedly shadowing the Senator. This person was subsequently identified as [Redacted] a confidence man of Washington, D. C. [Redacted] was questioned regarding [Redacted] and said he recalled that this individual had contacted him and Hughes, seeking to have them employ him during the hearings in 1947. He said that [Redacted] however, was not employed. When Agents interviewed [Redacted] he admitted acquaintance with Howard Hughes but denied any connection with shadowing Senator Brewster.

[Redacted] said that [Redacted] was persistent in efforts to procure employment with Hughes and represented that he had important information concerning Senator Brewster which would be helpful to Hughes. He insisted that he be employed before divulging this information, but did furnish [Redacted] with some bits of

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✓ information which [redacted] thought were in the nature of "bait." As an example, [redacted] recalled that [redacted] represented he had possible knowledge of the gift of an ermine coat to Senator Brewster's wife from some executive of Pan American Airways; that he had information concerning numerous instances of gratis transportation being furnished to Senator Brewster by Pan American; that he had knowledge of the existence of a "bag man" who was a go-between for Pan American Airways with Senator Brewster; that he knew of Pan American Airways' financing a possible vice-presidential "boom" for Senator Brewster in connection with the 1948 election. b7c/d

✓ [redacted] also said that [redacted] represented he had knowledge that Pan American representatives went to various service clubs throughout the United States and suggested the desirability of having an important speaker address the group on matters of national interest. In these cases, if the club agreed, these representatives supposedly recommended Senator Brewster as such a speaker and furnished the club \$1,000 to \$1,500 with which to pay the speaker's fee. [redacted] indicated that Pan American was thus subsidizing Brewster in return for his assistance to the company.

[redacted] also said that he believed [redacted] was probably the "bag man" for [redacted] and that he felt that if the authorities wanted to get at the bottom of this case they should "sweat" [redacted] who [redacted] said he thought had more information about this investigation than anyone else. It is to be noted that no request has been received from the Department for an interview with [redacted] Information has previously been received that [redacted] employed by [redacted] b7c/d

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[redacted] has advised he was employed by Howard Hughes in April, 1947, and conducted extensive investigation at the time, seeking to establish that Senator Brewster had an interest in Pan American and had used their facilities gratis on numerous occasions. He said Hughes published the results of his investigation in local newspapers. [redacted] said he made his contact b7c/d